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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 8, 2000

Benjamin C. Bolusky, Treasurer
AAN-Nursery Industry Political
Action Committee
1250 I Street NW/Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

Identification Number: C00022988

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-7/31/99)

Dear Mr. Bolusky:

This letter is to inform you that as of June 7, 2000 the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated May 17, 2000. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Antoinette Kitchen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson", is written over a horizontal line.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Dear Mr. Bolusky:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$500 in contributions to federal candidates/committees. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$7,000. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the

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requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought including state and congressional district, if applicable, for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

-Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter to reflect this change.

-It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that the reports you have filed during the current election cycle do not reflect the appropriate coverage dates for quarterly filing status. Please be advised of

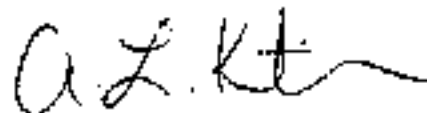
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the filing dates and coverage periods for the 1999-2000 election cycle and fill in the appropriate dates on Line 5 of the Summary Page.

<u>Report Type</u>	<u>Coverage Dates</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Mid-Year	1/1/99-6/30/99	July 31, 1999
Year End	7/1/99-12/31/99	January 31, 2000
April Quarterly	1/1/00-3/31/00	April 15, 2000
July Quarterly	4/1/00-6/30/00	July 15, 2000
October Quarterly	7/1/00-9/30/00	October 15, 2000
12 Day Pre-General	10/1/00-10/18/00	October 26, 2000
30 Day Post-General	10/19/00-11/27/00	December 7, 2000
Year End	11/28/00-12/31/00	January 31, 2001

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kitchen
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

